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For: A PRINTING RELIEF AND AN ADHESIVE MATERIAL FOR MAKING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3, 4 and 13 as follows:

3. (Amended) A spray comprising a can containing urethane prepolymer in accordance with claim 1, with high pressure liquid gas for spraying.

4. (Amended) An adhesive material, to fix a relief resin film onto a printing base of a printing machine, comprising a supporting layer and adhesive polymer polymerized and cured from urethane prepolymer in accordance with claim 1 and impregnated into or coated onto the supporting layer.

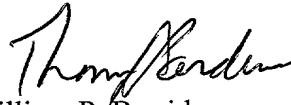
13. (Amended) A printing relief, to be fixed onto a printing base made of a metal in a printing machine, comprising a relief film made of a resin and an adhesive material of which an adhesive strength to the metal is stronger than to the resin characterized that the adhesive material is the adhesive material of claim 4.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 14 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3,4 and 13 are amended. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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Attached: Appendix
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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

3. (Amended) A spray comprising a can containing ~~said~~ urethane prepolymer in accordance with claim 1, with high pressure liquid gas for spraying.

4. (Amended) An adhesive material, to fix a relief resin film onto a printing base of a printing machine, comprising a supporting layer and adhesive polymer polymerized and cured from ~~said~~ urethane prepolymer in accordance with claim 1 and impregnated into or coated onto the supporting layer.

13. (Amended) ~~The printing relief as set forth in claim 12~~ A printing relief, to be fixed onto a printing base made of a metal in a printing machine, comprising a relief film made of a resin and an adhesive material of which an adhesive strength to the metal is stronger than to the resin characterized that the adhesive material is same to the adhesive material of claim 4.